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FOLLOWING INFORMAL CHECKS WITH FINANCE MINISTRY SECRETARY
LAL JAYAWARDENA, CENTRAL BANK AND EXPORT PROMOTION
SECRETARIAT, BELIEVE ROESCH-COLLINS VISIT WOULD BE USEFUL
IN FEBRUARY BUT BELIEVE LATE FEBRUARY OR MARCH MIGHT BE
BETTER. ACCORDING PRESS, SEVERAL FOREIGN BANKS HAVE MADE
INQUIRIES IN RESPONSE TO BUDGET MESSAGE. WE UNDERSTAND
THERE WILL BE PROGRESS SOON ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT LAW.
ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO CHANCE TO DISCUSS DETAILS, JAYAWARDENA
SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH MR FRIEDMAN, SENIOR ADVISOR
TO FNCB CHAIRMAN WRISTON, DURING HIS DECEMBER NEW YORK VISIT.
JAYAWARDENA SAID THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR FNCB
OFFICIALS TO CALL ON FINANCE MINISTER BUT WAS NOT
SURE OF LATTER'S FEBRUARY SCHEDULE. CENTRAL BANK
GOVERNOR WILL BE IN COLOMBO IN FEBRUARY. ADVISE
YOU TO INFORM SRI LANKA PRINCIPALS OF VISIT DATES
SOONEST EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH US.
VAN HOLLEN

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